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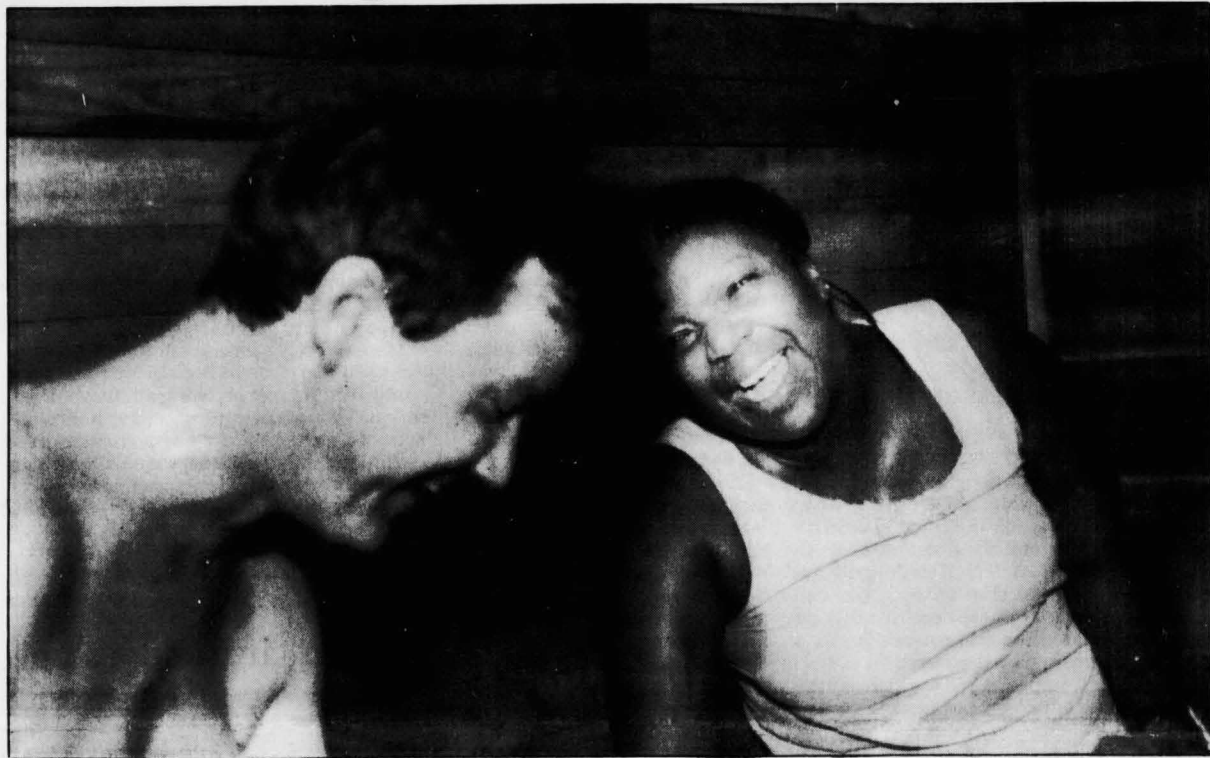
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FACING the ISSUE

Students susceptible to drug, alcohol abuse



KEN STATHAM—SPARTAN DAILY

Northern California Narconon students Sven, left, and Janis share a moment together in the "hot box" sauna as part of their purification treatment. Sven, who became addicted to painkillers after an acci-

dent, lost a \$70,000 a year job and his wife because of his drug addiction. After seven years of addiction and two other rehabilitation programs, he is confident that Narconon will work.

By Heather Hayes and Thomas Zizzo
Spartan Daily Staff Writers

It's the Friday night before finals week. Stress is in the air and college students are looking for a way to wind down before spreading out the books and cramming for the big exam.

While some may just rent a few videos with friends, others might be smoking marijuana, chugging beers or both.

A 1992 University of Michigan survey of college students and young adults, has found that the 12-year decline in the use of illegal drugs is reversing.

According to the survey, marijuana use has increased slightly and the use of LSD has risen for the third

consecutive year.

Alcohol, however, remains the number one drug for college-age people, according to Kenneth Terao, multicultural coordinator in the Prevention Education Program (PEP).

According to Terao, 86 percent of all college students have tried alcohol at least once.

Alcohol is easily accessible and legal. Minors have been known to hang out in front of liquor stores in search of someone to buy their alcohol for them.

For some people, alcohol can be a serious problem. Drawing the line between a situation that is under control and one that is out of control is difficult, Terao said.

According to Jill Steinberg, a

counselor and professor of psychology at SJSU, there are several signs of a situation with alcohol gone out of control.

"When alcohol gets in the way of relationships, school, or work, when there are blackouts, those are signs that there's a problem," Steinberg said.

Another sign of an alcohol problem is a reduced tolerance to alcohol, according to Steinberg.

Steinberg said that alcohol has an effect different from most drugs, because over time it takes less alcohol to become intoxicated.

According to Steinberg, some alcoholics are preoccupied with drinking. They are constantly thinking about when

they can drink again. They view parties not as a way to have a good time, but as a way to gain access to alcohol and get drunk.

Steinberg said that these signs are not sure-fire indicators of alcoholism. Some people may exhibit some of these signs, but it does not necessarily mean that there is a problem with alcohol.

"Abuse is not about quantity. It's about how it's affecting your life. If a person can't go without alcohol, there's a problem," she said.

Jim Philliber, who works in support services at Narconon, said people start using drugs recreationally and don't realize it has become a problem until

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A.S. passes vote, supports "Two" against police

By Ilene Meeks
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The Associated Students passed a resolution (8 to 2) to help support two SJSU students.

The resolution would support the two SJSU students charged with unlawful protest during the San Jose protests in the aftermath of the second Rodney King trial.

To help support the two students, a Defense Committee, which is a combination of community members and students, went before the A.S. to support the passage of the resolution.

Two SJSU students Juan Haro and Miguel Diaz were charged with inciting a riot, taking part in a riot, unlawful assembly and assault on a police officer. The students along with the Defense committee would like to see all the charges dropped against them. Haro claims the protests were non-violent.

"It is going to give the impression that we are violent people," Haro said.

Haro believes the San Jose

Police Department is, "trying to use us as examples, to try to destroy the struggle of the Civilian Review Board."

Haro, a graduating senior, has been at SJSU for four and a half years and plans to attend graduate school. He also works with low-income people at St. Josephs Cathedral.

In defense of Haro and Diaz, Steve Naumchik, the chair of the Defense Committee said, "I personally believe it is racial motivation. It will be very damaging to go to jail for a year."

Haro feels the San Jose police specifically went after him because of his position in the organization. "They targeted me due to my position," Haro said.

The San Jose Police Department arrested 41 people, including members of Direct Action Alliance and MEChA. The protest was organized by the Direct Action Alliance to help shed light on alleged police

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Recreation class displays projects

By Marc J. Spears
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Stress, promotion, planning and hard work were all combined for Recreation 97 students during the display of their project exhibitions. Five different Recreation 97 groups were showcased, starting last week and concluding today, to help students gain experience.

"The recreation majors are getting experience by doing a one-hour contest, exhibition or demonstration for college students for a grade," said Steve Dowling, part-time instructor in the recreation and leisure studies department and Director of Parks and Recreation in Cupertino. "They have to plan, promote, conduct and get evaluated in this event which gives them programming experience."

Previous games included a scavenger hunt last week, and a basketball shoot and beach party on Tuesday. The class projects

will wrap up today with activities by two groups.

Positive Vibes will feature a free-throw contest and dart throw at 10:45 a.m. at the Rose Garden. Brainer Brawn will offer a bean-bag throw, horseshoe toss and trivia quiz at noon in front of the Event Center.

According to Dowling, the exhibitions have been taking place for the last five semesters and they put students in games where they have the opportunity to earn prizes.

Junior therapeutic recreation major Katie Pappas said she felt nervous during the process but she was happy with her groups' basketball shoot Tuesday.

"It wasn't hard, but stressful. We were worried whether it would rain, if people would come and if we would get donations for prizes," Pappas said. "We didn't have lot of time and we only had four people in our

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Designers plan for future

By Michelle Lau
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

SJSU's advanced industrial design seniors are brainstorming ideas for the future and envisioning technology never before dreamed possible.

Within the classes of Advanced Industrial Design or Advanced Projects in Industrial Design, these 27 seniors are participating in a joint program with SJSU and NASA. The program is taught under the direction of Professor Tomasz Migurski and former SJSU student David Kaisal.

The ideas originating in the minds of these industrial design majors were endless.

Take for instance, students Greg Chambers, Dustin Rosing and David Gonzalez. These three seniors worked together to build sensors into a diver's wet-suit so divers could monitor such underwater hazards as claustrophobia, panic or hypothermia.

Larry Trigg and his group

have created the idea for a search and rescue visor. Using an infrared device, firefighters would be able to use the visor to see through the dark or find an injured person who is obstructed from view.

The two upper-division classes are combined into one and are part of a new project in the industrial design department giving students the opportunity to interact in, hands-on experiences. As the brainchild of Kaisal, the program is a joint effort between SJSU and NASA.

Kaisal, who graduated last December as a general design major, felt the need to inject a dose of reality into the industrial design program.

"Industrial design students don't get much exposure in trying to sell themselves, in trying to market their talent and ability," Kaisal said, explaining the need to reconstruct the

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Jew, Arab vigil helps students understand

By Jack Bunting
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Approximately 20 people formed a circle yesterday on the grassy knoll in front of Clark Library to remember Jews and Arabs who have died from violence in the Middle East.

Mira Zussman, coordinator of Middle Eastern studies, spoke briefly before the silent vigil began.

"What we are going to do is just have some silence. Not just to think about the violence, but (also) the possibility of peace," Zussman said.

Candles were passed from person to person and hands joined without words

being spoken.

Politics of the Middle East were not discussed during the memorial.

During and after the vigil, participants embraced and cried.

"Just because we are living, it does not mean we should forget the dead. It was about peace and respect," said Alia Ayyad, one of the memorial's planners.

Jonathan Comisar, program director for the Jewish Student Union at SJSU, also planned the vigil.

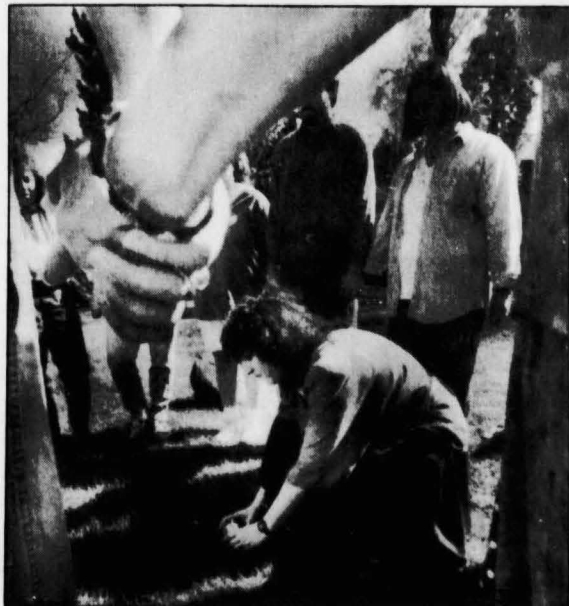
"We (Jews and Arabs) believe violence is horrible and we all must condemn it. I felt a certain solidarity. It was healing. I want

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JOHN LEE—SPARTAN DAILY

Middle East studies coordinator Mira Zussman, center, participates in Tuesday's silent vigil in front of Clark Library.

Editorial

A potent alternative to mace use

Throw away your mace; pepper spray is now legal protection in California. The natural spray, made from the processing of hot peppers, is considered more potent than both mace and tear gas.

When being attacked, you will use anything you can to defend yourself. Pepper spray seems to be the most effective and convenient alternative.

With proper state certification, a person can use pepper spray as a means of stopping an attacker from up to 10 feet away. The effects are incapacitating for the first 10 minutes, and can continue for up to 45 minutes.

Used by police departments around the country, pepper spray is becoming the latest trend in personal protection. One shot can produce burning sensations in the eyes, skin and in the mucous membranes of the nose, mouth and throat.

As compared to mace, pepper spray will affect everyone it comes in contact with. Mace, which is an irritant, may not effect people who are under the influence of drugs. Since pepper spray is an irritant, it can cause nausea and swelling of the eyes and throat, restricting sight and breathing.

Pepper spray critics claim the substance may be attributed as the cause of death in instances of asthma sufferers and substance abusers. Organizations such as the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) hope to see the spray restricted.

Whether it is a liability or not for someone to use the pepper spray in self-defense, it is better than being totally unprepared. Pepper spray is an inexpensive and safe protection against attacks.

People who carry the spray take the chance of using it inappropriately. It is a risk they take to be safe. Would it be better to become a victim or to remain a survivor? Those who use tear gas, such as pepper spray, are hoping to survive.

The spray provides no guarantees, but a person has a better chance of protecting themselves with it than without it. There is a 30 question test or a 30 minute training video that people need to partake in to receive their license.

There will undoubtedly be persons who use their pepper spray negligently. Should the rest of the population be forced to submit because of negligent people? These few people are why pepper spray is carried in the first place.

Not everyone has the time nor energy to take weekly self-defense classes. This spray seems to be the answer to the hectic fast-paced life society leads. It may not be right, but it is the viable solution to protect oneself. If you are in a dark parking lot all alone and you're attacked, have that pepper spray ready and give your assailant something to be afraid of.

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MICHAEL MAYO - SPARTAN DAILY

How to avoid spring fever

KYLE PRESTON REGISTER
Everything in Moderation

Spring is here. Yes, we all knew it would get here eventually, but we never really prepare for the outbreak of Spring Fever.

Do you recognize any of these symptoms:

- Have you noticed the inability to focus on anything resembling a textbook?

- Do you find yourself in class wondering how they get the wire through every little hole in a spiral notebook?

- Have you at any point lost interest in a conversation you're involved in just as a pair of tight shorts went by?

- Have you missed any classes or work "just because it's such a nice day out."

- Have you thought about just dropping out, moving to Mexico and opening a surf shop?

If you could identify with any of these signs, you could be suffering from spring fever.

Today's column is going to be dedicated to helping the vernal-challenged get through the first warm days of spring.

The first step to avoiding the "spring bug" is to stay indoors and away from windows as much as possible.

It is a well known fact one of the greatest dangers of vernal fever is Solar Induced Narcolepsy. Once you feel the warm rays of the sun gently rest against the side of your face, you could fall victim to the "naps" and you could hit your head.

Next, you should drink lots of fluids. If you're constantly preoccupied with a full bladder, you

won't notice how nice a day it is outside.

Another thing you should try to do is to form a study or focus group. At least if you're going to flake on class or work, you can do it as a team and it will look like some other type of virus is being passed around.

Some people try to avoid the ill effects of Springus Infectivus by wearing restrictive (but not revealing) clothing.

The belief is that if you wear something that pinches and binds in such a manner that you can never get comfortable, you won't be susceptible to the fever.

Another step would be to try to not walk on grass, especially barefooted. The feel of the soft, cushy blades creeping between your toes could relax you to the state of near comatosis. This could place you in danger of being run over by an errant lawnmower.

Something else you might try to do is to eat lightly. After three Big Macs, a large fries, a 64-ounce Pepsi and a million-degree apple-pie-chaser, it is just too easy to pass out and to forget about the rest of the day.

Try a small salad with a vinaigrette and maybe a small piece of cheese. Sip at mint julep and drop the leftover ice cubes in your shorts.

Instead of listening to music that you normally consider relaxing, listen to something that really gets on your nerves.

If you like Slayer or Metallica, try some Whitney Houston on for size.

If rap and R&B is your scene, pick up some swinging Lawrence Welk jams. Talk 'bout kickin' a riff, this bubble-blowin' hip-hop master could lay down spray down.

Exercise is another way to avoid spring-inspired stupor, however, don't do any exercise that could tire you out.

Running five miles followed by a long bike ride and a swim workout is great if this is the sort of thing that normally keeps you perky. But don't even think about doing anything that could tax your delicate constitution.

As a final approach to getting through the lackadaisical days of spring and into the dog-days of summer, attend classes that you never signed up for, but were always interested in anyway.

If you don't get thrown out, at least you can play fun little head games with all the people in the class. Ask the people around you for their notes for the whole semester and tell the professor you're just really late to class.

Kyle Preston Register is a Daily staff columnist. His column regularly appears on Thursdays.

Letters to the Editor

Paying for other parents' childcare

Here at San Jose State, everybody tip-toes around sensitive issues because they don't want to be politically incorrect. That's fine, we'll play that game. But paying for other people's child care is economically incorrect and that's where I draw the line.

As a divorced father who struggles to pay child support, I was disgusted to find out that a \$5 childcare fee had been added to my already high student fees.

There are alternatives for you single parents. There is a service out there now that will go after your ex-spouses. They will charge you a portion of the recovery, but that's still better than nothing.

In fact, it should be a requirement that you show proof of your attempt to collect back child support before you can use state and student sponsored child care. End student sponsored child care.

A thump on the head to the Associated Students for not suggesting alternatives to this problem before allowing it to become a ballot issue! Blair Whitney: If you really want to help single parents, counsel them on their alternatives for getting help in going after deadbeat spouses.

For those of you who still don't get it, here's another chance to blow it: There is a ballot issue coming up that involves another new fee of \$9. This fee will guarantee that every student will have the right to ride light rail for free. That's fine if you have access to light rail, or you are already riding. But what if you are a student who has a job across town that you have to go to after you get out of class? There's no way you can ride light rail but you're going to pay for it anyway.

The reality is that special-interest groups will continue to rally the student government to hold special elections and get ballot issues passed because it works — nobody's paying attention. Anyone can sneak another fee on us because we're all sleeping.

And since no one is paying attention, I want to petition the student government to hold a special election. I want to add a fee of \$1 to everyone's fees. You see, I figure if everyone paid \$1 each for two semesters, I could have my child support paid off in a year. What the hell, it's worth a try, besides, no one is paying attention.

John Evans
Senior, Public Relations

Hayes' article does not reflect women's movement

Editor:

In regard to Heather Hayes' article, "Extreme Feminism Can Lead to Trouble," did the writer ever stop to think that the reason the term "feminazi" is "not even on InfoTrac yet" is because it is derogatory and worthless, no doubt created by right wingers attempting to denigrate the feminist cause?

Ms. Hayes is doing exactly what Mr. Limbaugh, et al wants: to fracture the feminist movement by labeling women as either "good-hearted feminists" or "bad." Why are you siding with Limbaugh, Ms. Hayes? If you are a feminist, you'd recognize this conservative tactic that is making you a puppet to their numbing diatribe; that's exactly what they want you to be!

Furthermore, are you not as secure in your feminism as you think, prompting you to distinguish yourself as the "man-lover" kind? And please check your history: Women have been fighting for equality far longer than the 1920s: maybe that's why we're "unsmiling, hostile, and angry." There are no degrees to feminism (i.e. extreme or not extreme): you either are one, or you aren't.

M. Novo
Graduate, History of Art

Bachelor parties threaten marriages

Why is it men have to engage in this pointless act of going "buck wild" the night before they get married?

A couple of weeks ago, a male friend of mine (who shall remain nameless), went to a wedding. Of course, as tradition goes, he went to a bachelor party the night before.

When I asked him what he did, he explained he couldn't say, only replying it's a "man thing."

I guess it is a male code of ethics, to never tell what really happened at the male bonding sessions. My mind could only imagine the possibilities of what they did until 10:30 the next morning! Images such as naked strippers hanging from the chandeliers, or panties flying through the air raced through my mind.

I am not against bachelor parties. I think it is nice to have a social gathering to celebrate the union they are about to embark upon.

But most men (of course not all men) have scandalous, totally obscene bachelor parties because of their own insecurities about getting married. I think they are actually afraid of taking the ultimate plunge.

ILENE MECKS
Writer's Forum

'I guess it is a male code of ethics, to never tell what really happened at the male bonding sessions.'

I have a real problem with these parties getting way out of hand, like getting crazy drunk, doing drugs, having sex with strippers, or even worse, staying out all night until the day of the wedding. With a let-loose type attitude, these kinds of parties are unscrupulous.

I understand they're getting married and this is a life-long commitment (hopefully) that

will last the rest of their life. And I know it is the last night for male bonding with all their beloved pals.

Everyone knows, once you attach the "old ball and chain," there is no turning back. And once you have kids, you won't be able to escape. Kiss goodbye all the fun you once had as a bachelor.

I've heard all the excuses before, from other guy friends. If being married is going to be such a drudgery and all your male freedom is thrown out the window, why should you even bother going through the motions?

Being married is a time for new beginnings, not a time for ending your life. You can still have fun after you get married, if you are with the right person.

If marriage is going to restrict your freedom so much, the last time to have outrageous fun is the night before, do yourself and the one-you-think-you-are-in-love-with a tremendous favor ... wait a while to grow up before you plummet to the ultimate doom.

Ilene Meeks is a
Daily staff writer.

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The San Jose State calendar

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AISES: American Indian Science and Engineering Society Scholarship workshop and general meeting, 5p.m., Eng., MEP 366. Call Veronica 924-5467

AKBAYAN CLUB: General meeting, 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Guadalupe Room, SU. Contact Rich or Del 534-1140

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS PROGRAM BOARD: Wednesday Night Cinema- Judgment Night, 7:30p.m., Ballroom, SU. Call 924-6261

DPT. OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES: Seminar, 1:30p.m., DH 135. Contact Jean Ann 924-4900

CAREER PLANNING & PLACEMENT: Advanced Micro Devices employer presentation, 12:30p.m., Costanoan Room, SU. Contact Career Resource Center 924-6033

CAREER PLANNING & PLACEMENT: What Can I Do With a Major in Finance, 3:30p.m., Almaden Room, SU. Contact Career Resource Center 924-6033

CAREER PLANNING & PLACEMENT: Co-op orientation, 6p.m., Costanoan Room SU. Contact Career Resource Center 924-6033

CAREER PLANNING & PLACEMENT: IBM Day is canceled for today at 8a.m.

HOSPITALITY CLUB: Open house and general meeting, noon to 1p.m., IS 239. Contact Jaelle 924-3197

MATH/C.S. CLUB: Watch video: Shortest Network Problem, 1:30p.m., MH 233. Call Lee 924-5133

M.E.C.H.A: Chicano Student Movement of Aztlan weekly meeting, 3p.m., WLN 307. Call 924-2707

PRE-LAW ASSOCIATION: Guest speaker and meeting, 6p.m., Pacheco Room, SU. Contact Marty 977-1320

RECREATION PROGRAM 97: "Brains and Brawn", noon to 1p.m., corner of Seventh Street across from the Event Center. Call Danielle Wein 358-0032

RE-ENTRY PROGRAM: Brown Bag Lunch, noon to 1:30p.m., Pacheco Room, SU. Call Virginia O'Reilly 924-5930

WASHINGTON SQUARE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION: Deadline to register for Table Tennis Tournament, Wednesday 1p.m., Tournament Thursday 6:30 p.m. Contact Pamela Nagar 261-2142

WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM: Multi-cultural panel on "The Cutting Edge of Feminism", noon to 1:20p.m., Almaden Room, SU. Contact Prof. Rivka Polatnick 924-5595

Thursday

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: Nightlife, 8p.m., Almaden Room SU. Contact Ken Riker 224-5669

LOS ANGELES POVERTY DEPARTMENT: The History Of The LAPD - Improvisations, noon to 12:30p.m., Ampitheatre, SU. Call 924-6261

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Battle over baby goes to appeals

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A fight over who should raise a 3-year-old boy named Michael resumed Tuesday as the child's legal guardians appealed a ruling that halted their adoption plans and gave the natural father some parental rights.

Attorney Douglas Donnelly, who represents John and Peggy Stenbeck, told the three judges of the Fourth District Court of Appeals that they should overturn a March 1993 decision by a lower court that kept the couple from adopting the boy.

Donnelly argued that the biological father, Mark King, failed to establish his rights as a father and in fact, abandoned the birth mother, Stephanie Harman, while she was pregnant.

King never offered to pay for any of the expenses of the pregnancy, Donnelly noted.

"If he wants the rights of a father, he must act like a father. Mark King did not do so," but instead attempted suicide and assaulted Ms. Harman during the pregnancy, Donnelly said.

The Stenbecks, who live in San Diego, have raised Michael since birth. King, of Prescott, Ariz., has visitation rights with Michael.

The Stenbecks' attorney also argued that King had lied to the Stenbecks, originally agreeing to their adoption of Michael.

But Paula C. Mendell, the biological father's attorney, said "there is more than sufficient evidence to show that Mark demonstrated a commitment to his responsibilities" by filing for custody one day after Michael was born.

King never once consented to adoption, she said.

Mendell also argued that the Stenbecks and Harman have conspired to prevent King, an able father, from having a relationship with the child.

"Mark was in fact thwarted from seeing his child," Mendell said.

The judges likely will issue a ruling within 90 days.

The case has parallels to the Baby Jessica case, in which the child eventually was given to her natural parents, Dan and Cara Schmidt, over the couple who wanted to adopt her, Jan and Roberta DeBoer.

Protestors from a local chapter of the DeBoer Committee for Children's Rights attended the baby Michael hearing, favoring the Stenbecks.

Just months after Michael was born, a Juvenile Court judge ruled the Stenbecks could adopt him. At the time, state law said the judge should weigh what was in the child's best interest.

The Stenbecks tried to move ahead with adoption. King appealed.

Then state law suddenly shifted, boosting the rights of natural fathers.

The California Supreme Court, in a different case, ruled that a father who demonstrates a willingness to be a parent should be given the chance.

Last March, an appeals court denied Michael's adoption and sent the case back to Juvenile Court.

In October, Juvenile Court Judge Michael Wellington named the Stenbecks as Michael's legal guardians, saying that removing him from the only home he has ever known would damage him psychologically.

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group, but we did it and I'm glad it's over.

Junior recreation and leisure studies major Rafael Gomez, feels this event helps students get a taste of what it is like to work in their field.

"This teaches us to plan events, organize events and figure out a target group. In recreation you always work in groups and it teaches you how to work with other people," Gomez said. "This gives us hands-on experience."

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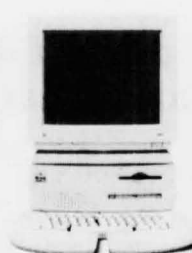
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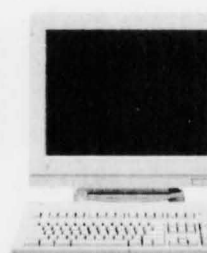
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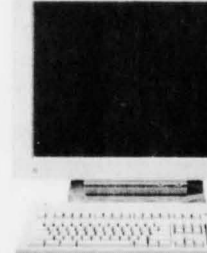
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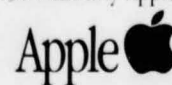
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NASA: Students explore new civilian uses for NASA technology

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program.

Through the program, students are able to interact on a professional level, creating ideas for NASA.

Students become the design consultants and NASA is the client, just as it would be in the real world.

"This project links closely with the standards found within the industry," Trigg said.

"It's exciting for the students and there is the possibility of something really happening for them," Kaisel said.

According to Kaisel, NASA is looking to sell the students' proposals to manufacturing companies.

If this happens, he said stu-

dents will receive royalties or the school will be funded.

While NASA has agreed to contribute money to the department, it is in turn getting the work of 27 design students.

"The idea of what we are trying to do is establish this as a resource for business in the area. To say, look: SJSU offers design services to companies for relatively inexpensive rates compared to going to a professional design firm," Kaisel said.

Kaisel wants the students to treat this experience as their first professional job.

He does this by teaching them how to present their work effectively as well as telling them the importance of a professional appearance.

In this program, students

work their ideas around NASA's project called Sensors 2000! (S2K!). NASA regularly applies the sensors for aeronautical use, using them to read the heart rates and blood pressures of astronauts while they are in space.

In turn, these industrial design students put the sophisticated sensors to everyday use for civilians.

Students are broken up into groups of three or four members.

Each group is required to come up with four ideas to present to NASA.

According to students Jay Bautista and Joel Young, brainstorming the ideas was the hardest part of the project.

"We spent a lot of nights and

countless hours. It's well worth it when our peers recognize our work," Young said.

Together, they and another member of their group, Kevin Nagatani, developed such concepts as creating a performance-enhancement and rehabilitation device for athletes. Using the sensor technology, Bautista said the innovative device would monitor an athlete's vital signs as well as recognize incorrect athletic form and undetected injuries.

Despite the hard work, students are also enjoying the experience.

"Everyone just likes to design, that's why we're all here," Young said.

Decked out in ties with pressed shirts and pants, the stu-

dents, all men, presented their ideas to NASA in a serious and professional manner last Thursday in their first presentation of the project. With a total of eight groups, each group was given five minutes to speak.

At the end of all the presentations, John Hines, the project manager from NASA, said there were several potential concepts that were appealing.

"The problem is how to pick one out of all these groups," Hines said.

The class also has two mentors, Bill Morrison, who works with SJSU's school of business in quality management, and Charles Weiskopf, an executive of United Way in Santa Clara.

Weiskopf said his role as mentor is to share his experience

with the students so they could apply his knowledge to their work.

At the end of the presentations, Weiskopf and Morrison were pleased with the students' presentations, describing them as "very professional" and "excellent."

The groups will now focus on developing one idea per group based on the comments of NASA from the first presentation. The students go from beginning to end, from researching the idea to presenting a sketch and then to refining it into a very detailed three-dimensional model. Throughout each phase, the students will periodically meet with NASA. Their final client presentation is tentatively scheduled for May 24.

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State assembly approves ferrets

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Ferrets should be allowed as pets in California, as they are in 46 other states, an Assembly committee decided Tuesday.

The Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee voted 7-2 to send the bill by Assemblyman Jan Goldsmith, R-Poway, to the Assembly floor.

"People ought to have a choice in their personal life in their companions," Goldsmith said.

The bill is opposed by Gov. Pete Wilson's Health Services and Fish and Game departments. Those agencies claim that ferrets are dangerous to small children and can escape and threaten native

wildlife.

But committee members were not convinced that the departments' arguments were strong enough to justify the ban.

"If you're taking away personal liberty, the regulator should prove a risk to society," said Assemblyman Dean Andal, R-Stockton. "As for a threat, I don't see that, frankly."

California has banned ferrets as pets since the 1930s.

Until 1987, fanciers could get state permits for neutered males. Now the state has issued about 150 permits for zoos, other exhibitors and movie trainers.

The only other states with bans are Michigan, Massachu-

setts and Hawaii.

Goldsmith said he would consider changing his bill to get Wilson's and other legislators' support, perhaps by requiring pet ferrets to be spayed or neutered or have licenses or permits.

But he resisted suggestions by the chairman, Assemblyman Dominic Cortese, D-San Jose, that Goldsmith postpone a final committee vote and make some amendments in the committee.

"This bill needs work. It's going to be worked over as it moves along. There's no way it's going to get a signature (by the governor)," Cortese said.

Goldsmith said he wanted his bill to advance because that

would create pressure on opponents to compromise.

Goldsmith said the bill is needed because the estimated 100,000 to 500,000 ferrets now illegally owned in California have trouble getting treatment. The bill is supported by the California Veterinary Medical Association for that reason.

He said enforcement of the ban is "costing taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars." And the state is losing income because people who want ferrets go to other states to buy them, he said.

Richard Evans, an Orange County veterinarian who has raised domestic ferrets, said the animals are much less likely to bite than dogs and cats.

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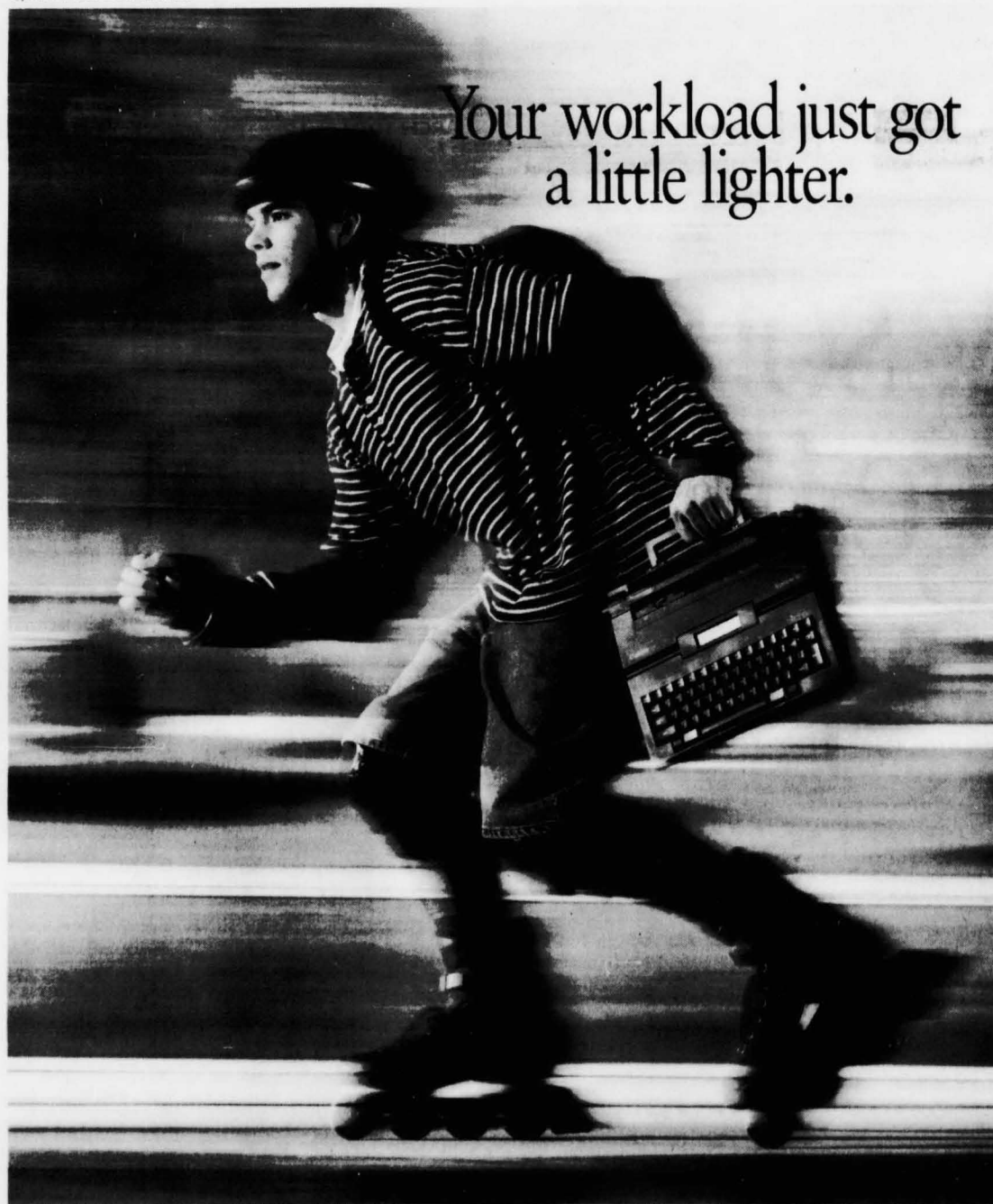
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Police have few new clues in Black Panther cleaver case

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Police are still stumped over an injury to former Black Panther Party leader Eldridge Cleaver, who remained hospitalized a week after he collapsed in police custody.

Doctors at Alta Bates Medical Center said Cleaver, 58, continued to improve Tuesday. He underwent emergency surgery March 1 for a brain hemorrhage caused by a mysterious blow to the head.

Hospital spokeswoman Carolyn Kemp said he was eating regularly, getting out of bed and speaking on the phone. She said he had cleared some major hurdles to full recovery, but wouldn't speculate as to when he might go home.

Surgeon Robert Fink has said Cleaver was hurt hours before officers answering a 911 call found him wandering the streets in a daze, then rushed him to the hospital after he collapsed in the drunk tank.

Investigators were waiting to ask Cleaver whether he was the victim of a street crime, Lt. Michel de Latour said.

Police found Cleaver's truck

parked at a fire hydrant eight blocks from where he was picked up but still haven't found his wallet, keys or watch, de Latour said.

"Clearly, something happened to Mr. Cleaver. It could have been a crime. It could have been something else," he said.

Cleaver was cited on suspicion of public intoxication, and possession of crack cocaine and a pipe.

De Latour said it was up to the district attorney whether to press charges or drop them in light of his condition.

Cleaver, author of "Soul On Ice," a best-selling series of essays about being black in America, was one of the original members of the Black Panther Party, a militant group founded in Oakland in 1966.

He fled the country to avoid prosecution after a 1968 shootout with police and returned in 1975, denouncing the Panthers and saying he was a born-again Christian. In recent years, he has sought help for an addiction to crack and been involved in squabbles over a small recycling service he ran.

Medical board doesn't disclose most malpractice settlements

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Fearing that consumers might misinterpret the data, the Medical Board of California doesn't release information on the outcome of thousands of malpractice lawsuits, a newspaper reported Tuesday.

The board receives about 100,000 calls each year from consumers seeking information about physicians, but the board informs them of only a fraction of the settlements and disciplinary actions.

Settlement of 4,000 medical malpractice lawsuits cost doctors and their insurers \$700 million from 1990 to 1992, according to documents obtained by the Daily News of Los Angeles.

But the board reveals only disciplinary actions that occurred within the last 10 years and malpractice judgments over \$30,000 reported after Jan. 1, 1993.

The board decided in May not to disclose out-of-court malpractice settlements. Settlements

under \$30,000 are not reported to the board, and since May, it has kept all those over \$30,000 from the public.

From 1990 to 1992, 2,002 lawsuits settled for more than \$30,000 cost doctors and their insurers \$483 million.

Those cases included 468 alleging wrongful death.

"Our concern was that though there is no finding of fault (in a settlement) ... our guess was that it would be human nature to find fault and so it would be very unfair to the physician," said Medical Board President Bruce Hasenkamp. "We don't exist to put people out of business."

The 19-member board has 18 members appointed by the governor, one by the president of the state Senate and one by the speaker of the Assembly.

The Daily News obtained the information from records of a California Highway Patrol investigation into allegations of improper investigations by the board.

Vigil

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to begin to understand who we are as Jews and Arabs," Comisar said.

Not everyone who took part in the vigil was Jewish or Arab.

Fine arts senior Jon Mason, a European-American, said he did not fully understand the intensity of the conflict taking place in the Middle East between Arabs and Jews.

He said witnessing the emotion of many of the vigil's participants enlightened him.

"I came to get exposed, and I did. We as Americans have no conception of what is really going on," he said.



Mira Zussman, coordinator of the Middle East studies, shares her grief with Alya Ayyad Tuesday at a silent vigil in memory of the victims of violence in the Middle East.

A.S.

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abuse in San Jose.

The chairperson of the Direct Action Alliance, Haro is advocating the implementation of a civilian review board, claiming it would help monitor police brutality.

"Our proposal is realistic, all but six cities have a Civilian Review Board," Haro said. "It is a realistic proposal, we're definitely not alone in the struggle."

Naumchik does not want this to be an isolated incident. "In

that sense, we will expose the problem," he said. "When you get a mass group of people together, anything is possible. I do think it will have some type of impact."

A.S. President Blair Whitney said they are trying to cover all their bases by passing the resolution. "They wanted to use student government to support their case," he said.

"We want the A.S. to take a stand on their own students and they did," Naumchik said.

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Shoveling the tunes



ABOVE: Shovelhead bassist Steve Caballero performs to a large crowd in the Student Union amphitheater Tuesday. The local band, who has been together for three years, performed at last year's homecoming.



LEFT: Vocalist Chris Landon performs with the four-member band regularly around the Bay Area.

Photos by John Lee

Council poised to pass laws regulating aggressive panhandling on city streets

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (AP) — The Santa Cruz City Council was scheduled to take a final vote Tuesday night on several ordinances intended to control aggressive panhandling.

If passed in their current form, the laws would be the toughest restrictions on begging in California.

Civil libertarians say the measures go too far in restricting free expression and promise to challenge them.

And Mayor Scott Kennedy, who has been a strong supporter of the ordinances, says he has changed his mind about one provision requiring regular panhandlers to get permits.

Applicants who don't have identification must submit to being fingerprinted and photographed.

Kennedy said the permit requirement goes too far.

"It adds a tone to the ordinance that is unnecessarily Orwellian," Kennedy said Monday.

He said he supports the rest of the proposals but plans to introduce an amendment to remove the permit rules.

The proposals have drawn much attention because this coastal college town is known for tolerance and progressive attitudes.

The liberal City Council, of which Kennedy is a member, passed the ordinances at their first reading last month 7-0.

Supporters, including downtown merchants, say aggressive panhandling is keeping customers away from downtown as the city tries to recover from the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake.

The quake destroyed or severely damaged dozens of buildings.

One measure would outlaw panhandling at night and in specified places, including bus stops and near bank entrances and ATMs. People also may not ask for money on private property without the owner's permission or lie about why they want a donation.

The ordinance also forbids panhandlers from coming within 3 feet of people they ask for money. Following people also is banned, as is using profane or abusive language and panhandling in groups of three or more adults.

But the ordinance's most controversial portion requires people who panhandle five or more days a year to get a permit. Kennedy, a peace activist, said he changed his mind on the permit issue after hearing a sermon titled "The War on the Poor" at church on Sunday.

People who violate the ordinance would face citations carrying fines of \$100 to \$150.

Other ordinances aimed at restricting panhandling forbid lying, sitting or sleeping on the sidewalk and such fixtures as sculptures, bike racks and fountains, and update existing laws concerning public nuisances.

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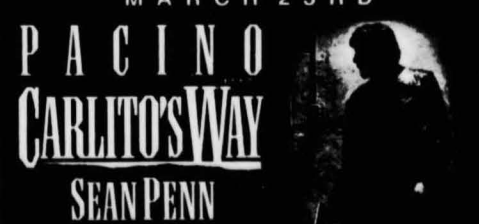
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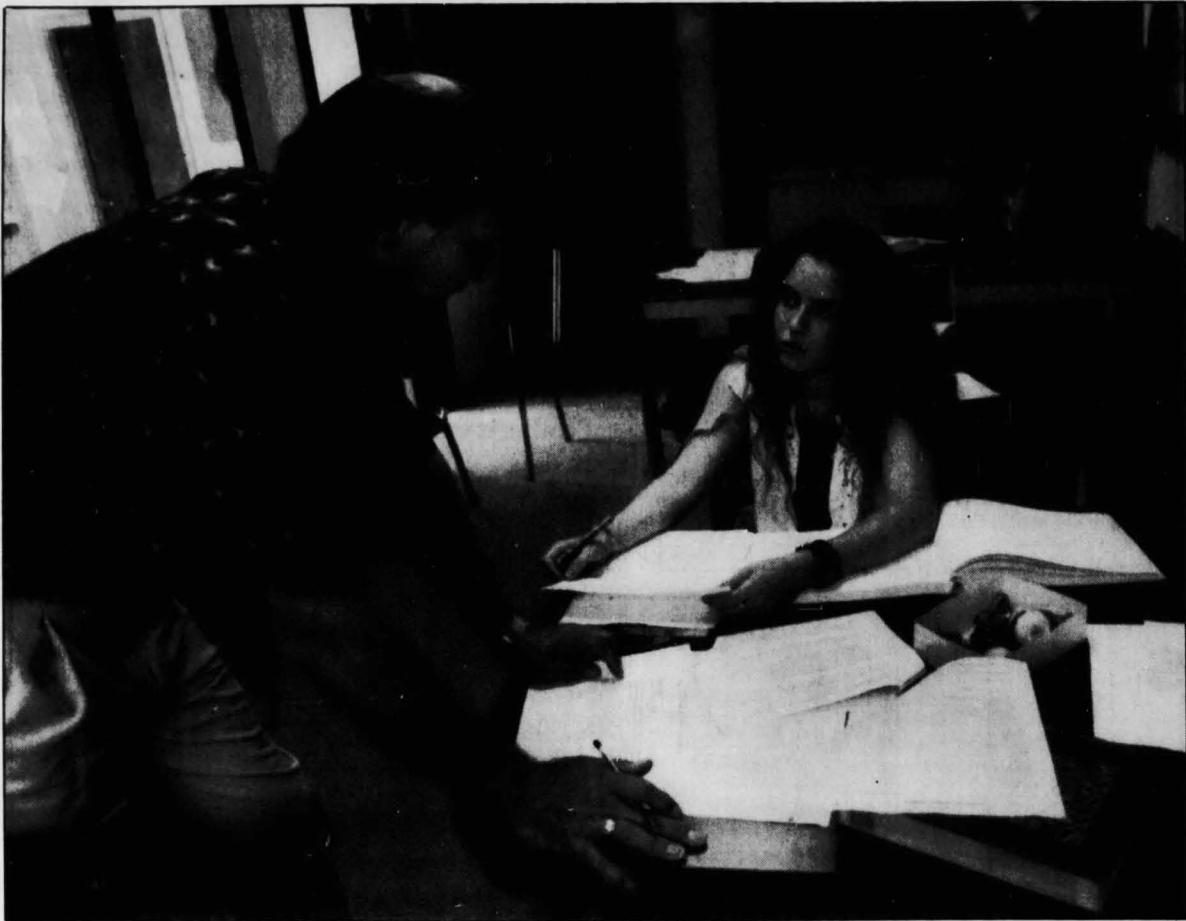
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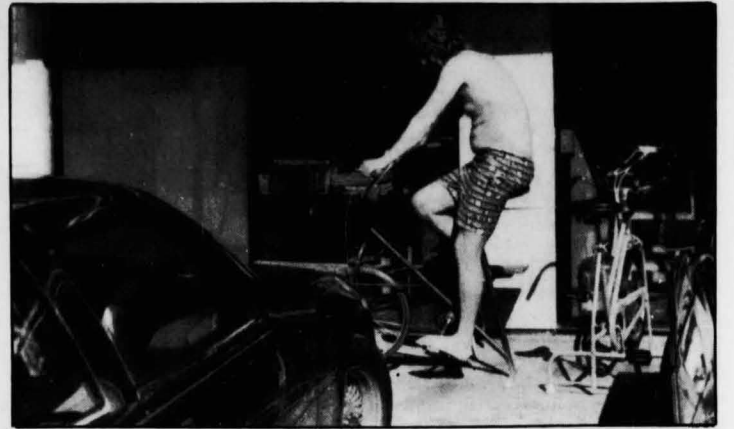
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Andy Moore, left, executive director of Northern California Narconon, helps student Jenn with the drug-rehabilitation program's learning improvement course, designed to improve concentration, develop study skills and improve the ability to think clearly.



Joe, who cooked methamphetamine for a year and a half without arrest, joined Narconon when he "finally hit bottom." During a break from the sauna, Joe exercises, which is part of the purification rundown designed to rid the body of toxins.



Jenn, Janis and Joe, students in the Narconon program in Felton, like the family atmosphere of the program, which allows mutual support to build self esteem and desire to get well. Jenn, who will finish the advanced section of the program in two and a half weeks, helps the new students with their course work.

Drugs: Substance abuse on the rise

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they are adults between the ages of 30 to 40. Narconon is a substance recovery center in Felton. Philliber said the program is different from Alcohol or Narcotics Anonymous because it teaches you how to re-enter society by how to communicate with other people. Philliber said that AA got him sober but it didn't give him a life.

"There's a certain point where people go beyond," Philliber said.

Steinberg said that just because someone drinks alcohol, even in large quantities, it does not mean that they will automatically move on to harder drugs.

Steinberg said that it is much easier to get people started with alcohol than with other drugs because alcohol is easily accessible.

Margarita Ramirez, a nurse at O'Connor Recovery Center, said that college students enter the treatment program most commonly for heroin and cocaine addictions. She said the most common reason college students begin to use drugs is the high pressure and stress of college life.

"They may do a little cocaine to get some energy and be able to study for an exam," she said.

Ramirez said that many of the patients, in an attempt to avoid becoming addicted to any single drug, will try other drugs to curtail addiction. This, Ramirez said, leads to cross-addiction, the state of being addicted to several drugs.

"Once you're addicted to one drug, you can get hooked on anything else you put in your mouth after that," she said.

Zach Gray, a sophomore Radio Television Film major, felt alcohol abuse could lead to drug abuse, but not all alcoholics will necessarily become street drug users.

There is no research that indicates a correlation between alcohol use eventually leading to drug

use. According to Terao, however, there are patterns that indicate heavy alcohol use will lead to the use of other, more serious drugs.

"Marijuana is a better alternative to alcohol. I don't like what alcohol does to the body. I don't like how it (alcohol) makes me feel," Gray said.

Terao said that there are three gateway drugs: cigarettes (nicotine), alcohol, and marijuana. Studies indicate that hard-drug (such as cocaine) users usually began with one or more of the gateway drugs.

"It's very rare that a person will start with cocaine or LSD before using one of the three gateway drugs," Terao said.

Terao said that some people move on to harder drugs because the gateway drugs are no longer a thrill or high for them. Use of the gateway drugs does not necessarily mean that someone will inevitably move on to harder drugs.

According to Ramirez, marijuana comes in second to alcohol in terms of popularity among college students.

"It affects the whole body. When someone stops, they can't think, they have memory loss, they become depressed. There are marked withdrawal symptoms," she said.

The third most popular drug, according to Terao, is whatever the current trend is. Right now, LSD is making a big comeback, as well as smoking heroin (instead of injecting it).

According to Dean Curran, overnight supervisor for Crisis Intervention and Information Resources, any use of street drugs should be construed as abuse because they are being used for a purpose they were not intended for.

Curran said that hard drugs differ from prescription

drugs because the users of prescription drugs generally use them for the intended purpose. Drug abuse occurs when it is used for an unintended purpose. For example, when marijuana is not being used for medical purposes.

Curran said drug abuse becomes an addiction when, like alcohol, it begins to affect one's life.

Gray admits that he didn't seriously start smoking marijuana until he got into college. He first started smoking it when he was a senior in high school.

According to Terao, studies have indicated that marijuana can be harmful to the lungs, because users inhale and hold the smoke in.

Gray said that he knows marijuana is harmful to his lungs, but he also smokes cigarettes so the harm he may be doing to his body is less of an issue to him.

Marijuana makes users more passive and less motivated in pursuing their goals, Terao said.

"People fear what they don't understand. Society automatically looks down on people who smoke pot or do other drugs. My mom thinks that marijuana leads to other drugs. The older generation has misconceptions," Gray said.

According to Terao, many people start drugs in college because of peer pressure and the permissive environment.

"You're in an environment where it's more acceptable and more available," Terao said.

Mike, who wishes to remain anonymous, said that he smoked early in high school, then quit and started smoking marijuana

again as soon as he came to SJSU.

Gray, who admits to smoking marijuana before going to class said, "I pay more attention to what teachers say. I don't feel it impairs my learning ability whatsoever. I ask a lot of questions in class."

Gray said that marijuana makes him feel mellow and thoughtful.

Junior psychology major George Tocher said he smoked marijuana almost every day in high school, but said that can totally ruin one's memory. After he stopped smoking marijuana, he began to do cocaine at 19 and continued with it for about four years.

Although Tocher thinks that some drugs, like cocaine, are evil, he feels that people should be more open-minded toward other drugs, such as marijuana and hallucinogens.

Tocher said he quit drugs because he realized he was hurting himself and the people around him, and he was going broke.

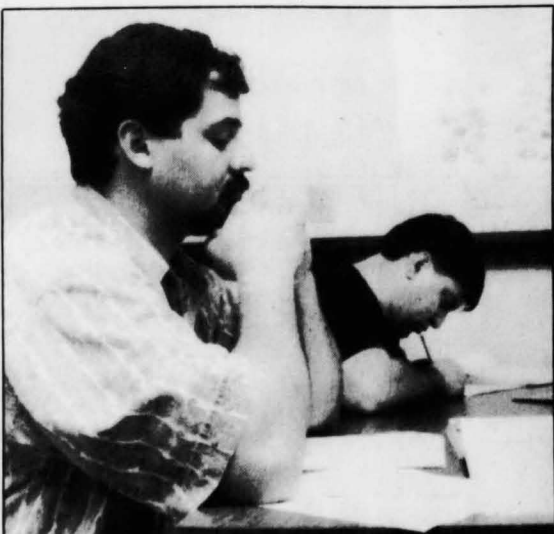
"The main thing is, you stop growing socially and mentally. You don't grow inside as a person. When I stopped doing coke, I was still 19 inside. You block out everyone around you," Tocher said.

'Once you're addicted to one drug, you can get hooked on anything else.'

Margarita Ramirez
Nurse, O'Connor Recovery Center

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George Tocher
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Paul, the newest student in the program, has been in Narconon for a week. He is still irritable and has trouble concentrating. In a few days he will finish the first part of the program, which addresses confronting and communicating with others.



Former student Jim Philliber is in charge of the purification rundown. He organizes the daily vitamins, which help eliminate foreign toxins that remain in the body. His work is compensating Narconon as payment for his treatment.



Janis goes back into the sauna knowing that the worst has passed the night before when she was sick after the heat of the purification treatment.

Photos by Ken Statham

Bridging the gap between faculty and athletes

By Gerald Woodall
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The honorary coaching program for the SJSU basketball team allows people to get a behind-the-scenes look at the athletes and the game itself.

It is designed to bridge the gap between athletics and academics and bring faculty closer to student athletes.

"The coaches get to spend a lot of time with the athletes on game day," said Brad Winslow, men's assistant basketball coach. "This includes their workouts, the pregame meals, pregame locker room talks, halftime talks as well as after the games."

Winslow contacts the heads of all campus departments and asks if any faculty are interested. If there are no interested faculty members, the coaching spots are auctioned off to other people, with the money going to the Spartan Fund.

Invitations are not sent to specific people on campus. Winslow said they try to accommodate people who have made contributions to basketball programs as well as interested alumni.

The honorary coaches are included in the pregame introductions and sit behind the team court-side.

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Assistant men's basketball coach

letes out of the sport setting and get to know them personally. I'm a 10-year Spartan ticket holder and it's fun to talk with the players about past seasons. I wouldn't mind doing this again next year," said Manny Robles, a former editor of the SPARTAN DAILY who

attended Saturday's game.

Robles received a teaching credential from SJSU in '65 and is now teaching junior high school in Los Gatos.

Hirohito Kato, an instructor from Keio University in Yokohama, Japan was also a coach for

Saturday's game.

He worked with coach Stan Morrison on the team's technical basketball skills and film study.

Kato came to SJSU to do research for the Keio physical education department.

Morrison feels that honorary coaches get to see a side of athletes that is otherwise not apparent.

"It's great because the coaches get to see the time commitments players make. It takes a lot of physical, as well as emotional, toughness to be a student athlete. The kids play a night game and come home exhausted and

still have to compete in the classroom early the next morning," Morrison said.

With the basketball team posting its first winning year during the regular season since '86-'87, more people are becoming interested in honorary coaching.

The idea has caught on and this season the women's basketball team started the coaching program. So far, they have had four.

Karen Smith, the women's coach, is impressed with the system.

"It's a great way to create camaraderie with instructors and students," she said.

Salado pitches SJSU to 7-2 win over Dons

Staff Report

Right-hander Tim Salado struck out 11 USF batters en route to a complete game two-hitter as visiting SJSU defeated the USF Dons 7-2 in nonconference action Tuesday.

The Spartans (9-9) received a solid effort from their numbers one through three batters Laverne Thompson, Jason Boesch and Tim Gavello, who each had multiple hits and scored two runs apiece. Gavello added two RBIs.

SJSU scored three runs in the first inning and another in the second, stretching to a 6-2 lead in the fourth after Gavello's single to left led to two more runs.

The Dons (8-10) scored two runs in the third after SJSU

errors by third baseman Gene Bower and shortstop Boesch, spoiling Salado's chance at a shutout.

It was USF's sixth straight loss.

Salado, who evened his record to 2-2, walked four USF batters while giving up an infield hit to Laurence Watkins in the first and a single to right by Paul McDaniels in the third.

USF batters went down looking on eight of Salado's 11 strikeouts.

The Spartans face Portland tonight at 7 in Municipal Stadium.

SJSU 7, USF 2
San Jose State
USF
Salado and Moore, Duncan, Penazzo (2), Acuna (4), Nelson (7) and Crawford, Pasero (9), WP—Salado (2-2), LP—Duncan (0-3)

Texas Longhorns finally enter basketball national rankings

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas coach Tom Penders kept saying his Longhorns would be a Top 25 team this year even as an 11-17 season rigged with unexpected setbacks unfolded last year.

It took the entire regular season, but now, he's right.

Texas (22-7) which has won its first outright Southwest Conference championship in 20 years and 15 of its last 16 games, entered the national rankings Monday for the first time since the final poll of the 1990-91 season.

Arkansas strengthened its grip on the No. 1 ranking in the next-to-last poll of the season.

The Razorbacks (24-2) were the top-ranked team for the fourth straight week and the ninth time this season.

The Southeastern Conference Western Division champions had 61 of 65 first-place votes and 1,619 points from the national media panel.

Penders' confidence in his players never wavered last season. "Wait until next year," he said then, fully aware that Rich McIver, a transfer from Michigan, and Tremaine Wingfield, a transfer from Louisville, would be eligible this season.

Star guard B.J. Tyler bounced back from a broken foot and a brief stay at the John Lucas Center in Houston, leading the SWC in scoring (23.3 points per game) and steals.

And power forward Albert Burditt, who re-enrolled at Texas after withdrawing early last season due to academic trouble, leads the league in field goal percentage and is second in blocks.

"When Albert and B.J. went down last year, we were a Top 25 team and quickly became a less-than-average team," Penders said Monday.

"Their performance and leadership has had a tremendous impact on the ball club. They help everyone else become better players."

Penders, who has taken four of his five Texas teams to the NCAA tournament, said his players have "used last year's disappointment to keep them focused for this season."

"A lot of people got down on us last year and thought the program was falling apart," Penders said. "But I knew who we had and that we would have a strong program."

The Longhorns are the top seed in this weekend's SWC tournament after sweeping through league play with a 12-2 record.

The two losses came against Texas A&M and Texas Tech (in double overtime) by a combined four points. Texas' non-conference losses were all to teams ranked at some point in the season: Florida, Connecticut, Kentucky, LSU and Illinois.

Connecticut (26-3) and Missouri (24-2) each had one first-

place vote in moving to second and third from fourth and sixth, respectively — their highest rankings of the season.

Both teams had started the season unranked, but went on to win the Big East and Big Eight conference titles, respectively. The ranking is the highest ever for the Huskies.

North Carolina (24-6), which had two first-place votes, moved from fifth to fourth after beating Duke for the second time this season. The Blue Devils (22-4), who had already clinched the Atlantic Coast Conference title, dropped from second to fifth. They were the highest-ranked of the 12 Top 25 teams to lose a game last week.

Purdue (25-4), which clinched at least a tie for the Big Ten title with the victory at Michigan on Sunday, was sixth.

The remaining five ranked teams were Saint Louis, Alabama-Birmingham, Oklahoma State, Penn and Texas.

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